

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

Claims 18-45 (Withdrawn).

46. (Currently Amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit[for an aircraft cabin], the aircraft cabin seating unit comprising a fixed housing containing a primary seat which comprises:

a reclinable back arranged to recline in such a manner that it remains substantially within the housing;

a seating portion connected to the back and arranged to move forward with the reclining of the back to allow the back to be reclined continuously between a substantially upright position and a substantially horizontal position;

a leg rest connected to the seating portion and arranged to move between a retracted position and an extended position; and

driving means for effecting said reclining of the back, movement of the seating portion and movement of the leg rest;

and wherein the seating portion, the back and the leg rest are arranged to co-operate to form a substantially flat surface when the back is in the substantially horizontal position and the leg rest is in the extended position.

47. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 46, further comprising a secondary seat positioned to face the primary seat.

48. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 47, wherein the secondary seat has a seating portion positioned to co-operate with the leg rest of the primary seat to form a portion of the substantially flat surface when the back of the primary seat is reclined in the substantially horizontal position.

49. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 46, further comprising a privacy screen.

50. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 46, wherein the housing comprises storage space provided behind the reclinable back of the primary seat.

51. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 46, further comprising a retractable table.

52. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 46, further comprising a utilities unit for housing utilities for individual use by an occupant of the primary seat.

53. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 52, wherein the utilities unit provides storage space for personal effects of the occupant.

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54. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 52, wherein the utilities unit contains a television-type monitor.

55. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 52, wherein the utilities unit contains a table extendible in front of the primary seat.

56. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 52, further comprising a secondary seat positioned to face the primary seat, the utilities unit being positioned to one side of the primary and secondary seats and extending between the primary and secondary seats.

57. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit as claimed in claim 52, further comprising a second primary seat for use by a second occupant, the utilities unit housing further utilities for individual use by the second occupant.

58. (Currently amended) An aircraft including a cabin comprising a plurality of aircraft cabin seating units as claimed in claim 46.

59. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 58, wherein the aircraft cabin seating units are arranged in an outboard-facing configuration.

60. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 58, wherein the aircraft cabin seating units are arranged in an inboard-facing configuration.

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61. (Currently amended) An aircraft comprising a cabin containing a plurality of aircraft cabin seating units as claimed in claim 46, wherein at least some of the seats are arranged in an echelon.

62. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 61, wherein the cabin contains along each side thereof a series of aircraft cabin seating units arranged in an echelon.

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63. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 62, wherein the aircraft cabin seating units along each side are oriented to face outwardly of the cabin.

64. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 62, wherein the aircraft cabin seating units along each side are oriented to face inwardly of the cabin.

65. (Currently amended) An aircraft as claimed in claim 61, wherein the cabin contains a central series of aircraft cabin seating units.

66. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit[for an aircraft cabin], the aircraft cabin seating unit comprising a fixed housing containing a primary seat which comprises:

a reclinable back arranged to recline in such a manner that it remains within the housing;

a seating portion arranged to be movable with the reclining of the back to allow the back to be reclined between a substantially upright position and a substantially horizontal position, the seating portion and the back being arranged to cooperate to form a substantially flat surface when the back is reclined in the substantially horizontal position;

a leg rest arranged to cooperate with the seating portion to form part of the substantially flat surface when the back is reclined in the substantially horizontal position; and

a reclining mechanism operated by way of an electric motor to cause reclining of the reclinable back.

67. (Currently amended) An aircraft cabin seating unit[for an aircraft cabin], the unit comprising a fixed housing containing a primary seat which comprises:

a reclinable back arranged to recline in such a manner that it remains within the housing;

a seating portion arranged to be movable with the reclining of the back to allow the back to be reclined between a substantially upright position and a substantially horizontal position, the seating portion and the back being arranged to cooperate to form a substantially flat surface when the back is reclined in the substantially horizontal position;

a leg rest arranged to cooperate with the seating portion to form part of the substantially flat surface when the back is reclined in the substantially horizontal position;

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a back runner that defines a path along which the back is guided as it is reclined between said substantially upright position and said substantially horizontal position;

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a seating runner to guide the orientation of the seating portion when it is moved by reclining of the back; and

an electric motor drive mechanism for causing said reclining of said back and movement of said seating portion and leg rest to the substantially horizontal position in which they cooperate to form said substantially flat surface; and a user operable control for controlling said electric motor drive mechanism.
